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2008 Starlight Music Series Fabulous Music Under the Stars

International, National, Regional and local artists will bring quality and variety to the College Station music scene this spring beginning April 5. The Starlight Music Series, a free concert series sponsored by College Station Utilities and The City of College Station, offers live music for everyone!

Admission is free to all events. Gates open at 6pm for all Saturday shows and 4pm for the Sunday Symphony Show. Guests are encouraged to park at Post Oak Mall near JCPenny. Coolers, smaller than 48qts and picnic baskets are welcome. No glass containers or pets allowed. A blanket-only seating area has been established, but guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs. While a majority of the facility has been designated a non-smoking area, three smoking areas are available. Amphitheater staff will be available to answer guest questions.

Starlight Music Series will include several promotions, giveaways, and free goodies, including: Two Tickets to Paradise (trip for two to Reno), Tuff Enuff (trip for two to the Rock and Roll Hall of fame), Galveston get-away weekend, Schlitterbahn tickets, Post Oak Mall Gift Cards, Kettle gift cards, and Rudy's gift cards.

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Wolf Pen Creek Venue Manager

"We have something for everyone," said Sheila Walker, Wolf Pen Creek Venue Manager and Starlight organizer. "The 2008 line up is as strong a schedule as we have seen in our previous six years. It is heavy in talent, variety, and audience appeal!"

Wolf Pen Creek will also feature some great hot dogs, nachos, hamburgers and pizza this year in addition to the very best Kettle Korn in the state of Texas. For more information, call 979-764-3486.

STARLIGHT SCHEDULE

- April 5** Hotel California
- April 12** Eddie Money
guest Randy Pavlock
- April 27** Brazos Valley
Symphony Orchestra
- May 3** Earl Thomas Conley
guest Mustang Sally
- May 10** The Fabulous
Thunderbirds
guest The Band of Heathens
- May 17** Mady Kaye
with guest Tony Campise
- May 31** Bonnie Bishop
guest Jerry Diaz & Hanna's Reef
- June 7** Max Stalling
guest Kathleen Braun
- June 14** The Big Time



For more information on the 2008 Starlight Music Series, go to:

www.cstx.gov/starlight



City Employees Earn Awards

The City of College Station won two Watermark Awards from the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Association of Texas. "Water Illustrated" won in the Annual Water Quality Reports section and the "Water Quality at the Saloon" public service announcement won in the Annual

Water Audio/Visual section. Both entries were a cooperative effort between Jennifer Nations, Water Resources Coordinator, and Mark Beal, Broadcast Media Specialist.

Exemption-qualifying products are:

- room & central air conditioners priced under \$6,000.
- clothes washers (NOT dryers)
- ceiling fans
- dehumidifiers
- dishwashers
- light bulbs (incandescent and fluorescent)
- programmable thermostats
- refrigerators priced under \$2000

For more information, visit
www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_836.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1 & 15

College Station Planning & Zoning Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

May 8 & 22

City Council Workshop (3pm)
& Regular Meeting (7pm)
@ City Hall*

May 16

"Coffee with the Mayor" (8am)
@ Conference Center

May 26

"MEMORIAL DAY"
City offices closed

College Station Conference Center
1300 George Bush Drive

College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue

*Watch City Council and Zoning meetings live on Channel 19, or go online to www.cstx.gov

Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday May 24-26 -----

The 2008 Energy Star sales tax holiday allows Texas shoppers to get a break from state, local and use taxes on purchases of certain energy efficient products during the Memorial Day Weekend Tax Holiday, May 24-26, 2008. Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). Products displaying an Energy Star logo meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by these federal agencies.



Look for the Energy Star logo displayed on the appliance, its packaging, or on the Energy Guide label. There is no limit as to the number of qualifying products that may be purchased during this sales tax holiday and no exemption certificate is required for purchase.

City Utilizes Website to Keep Citizens Informed -----

The Public Communications and Information Technology Departments have teamed up to create special web pages with video clips from CSTV19, podcasts, documents and unique surveys:

www.cstx.gov/csnow

See the City's weekly magazine-style television show called **College Station Now**.

www.cstx.gov/ni

Get up-to-date news on "neighborhood integrity" issues.

www.cstx.gov/cares

Learn about the City's new red light camera traffic safety effort.

www.cstx.gov/2008bond

Learn about the City's upcoming 2008 bond referendum.

www.cstx.gov/annualreport

Get a recap of the City's accomplishments in 2007.

www.cstx.gov/thelink

View the City Manager's quarterly newsletter called **The Link**.

www.cstx.gov/annexation

Learn about the City's plans for future growth.